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NEW SYSTEM FOR TIGER CENSUS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Wildlife Institute of India has devised a new system for conducting tiger census; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAINMEENA)

(a)&(b) The Project Tiger Directorate in the Ministry of Environment & Forests has developed an enhanced methodology for conducting the All India estimation of tiger, large carnivores, ungulates, habitat status evaluation and monitoring with inputs from the Wildlife Institute of India. The methodology involves forest beat level primary data collection by forest staff and data collectors for computing indices of relative abundance of tiger and other wild animals apart from evaluation of habitat status, followed by density computation using sampling in the GIS domain. The process would be overseen by a panel of national and international, independent experts.